

**THE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM GROUP  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

**Meeting Opened:** 12:30 pm

**Actions/Business Proceedings:**

- I. Kay Reeve volunteered to record **Minutes of the Meeting**.
- II. **Thanks:** LeeAnn Lands thanked Bill Rice for providing lunch for the members of the group, and invited other constituencies to do so in the future.
- III. **AMST courses for Spring 2007:** Lands announced the list of courses, which include both AMST courses and several cross-listings with history and English. Hugh Hunt asked for clarification about the Special Topics Courses and the timing for Banner.
- IV. **Proposed MA in Americans Studies:** Sarah Robbins explained status of the proposal and the possible implications of the communication shared by Dr. Joyce and sent by Frank Butler from the BOR, indicating the program would be tabled for the time being. She noted, and all agreed, that more information was needed from the “highest level.”  
Conversations between President Papp, Provost Black, and the BOR and the Chancellor are needed. It was also noted that the status of the program is really part of the much broader question of “institutional identity.”
- V. **Possible Forward Movement on an Undergraduate Major in American Studies:** Robbins announced that the Dean’s office was preparing a report on possible new majors. There was discussion of advantages, disadvantages of commitment at this time. There were other questions from the floor regarding timing, faculty, etc. **A motion** was made to request that Robbins **request that an undergraduate major in American Studies, with curriculum development to take place in the 2007-08 academic year, be added to a List of Possible New Majors.** The motion was seconded. **Motion passed, American Studies to be submitted as a possible to undergraduate major.**
- VI. **Potential hiring in American Studies:** The group briefly revisited and reaffirmed plans to make a hire in border studies/Latino Studies a priority for the American Studies program faculty.
- VII. **Discussion of Special Topics Courses:** The proposals for the following were reviewed:  
**AMST 4490 Housing and Homelessness**  
**AMST 4490 Modern Civil Rights Movement**

The following revisions were requested and accepted:

1. Adjust wording student learning outcomes
2. Add a note to clarify that there is no duplication of other programs.

It was **moved and seconded to approve the courses with requested revisions.**  
**Motion passed, courses approved.**

VII. **Governance Structure:** Lands introduced and reviewed the proposed structure. T. Livingston requested that the governance include providing a copy of the minutes of meetings to the KSU Archives. The addition was **APPROVED** by acclamation. There was further discussion. Following this **S. Rouse moved**, and **D. Fay seconded** that the **Governance Structure be approved as proposed with the addition of the requirement that the minutes be provided to the Archives. Motion Passed** and the structure was approved.

Following the vote there was discussion of the process to proceed with nominations and the election of a Program Coordinator. Susan Rouse was elected Election Coordinator. Nominations for the Coordinator's position are to be sent to her by Oct. 5.

Business being concluded, Tamara Livingston led an interactive presentation on Brazilian music.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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